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ENVIRONMENT AND DEVICE THEREFOR

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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To realize a single sign-on able to log on
plural systems
simultaneously by using each specific user credentials to use a
single access
node.

SOLUTION: A distributed network environment 1 is made up of two
nodes A-C or
over connected by a communication link or a network 3. In this
case,
processing systems 10A-10C such as personal computers and work
stations are
installed at each of the nodes A, B, C. In the case of searching
the user
credentials to use a local computer system in the distributed
computer
environment, whether or not a pointer for the user credentials is
in existence
is discriminated, and when the pointer is in existence, the user
credentials is
used, and when not in existence, whether or not a default
credentials is in
existence. When in existence, the default credentials is used
and when not, a
set of credentials for the local computer system is used.

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